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In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 09/721,566
Filed: November 22, 2000
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 4, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

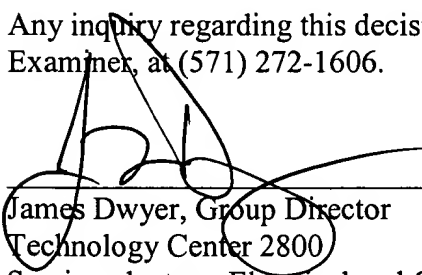
This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action of May 8, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 18, 2003.

Petitioner states that a response was in fact timely filed. To support this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of a return postcard receipt on which the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) acknowledges receipt of an Amendment, a Request for Extension of Time, a PTO Cover Letter and a Check for \$950.00 on November 7, 2003. A copy of the Amendment was submitted along with the postcard receipt.

The response was not of record at the time the Notice of Abandonment was mailed but has since been associated with the application file. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. Inconvenience to the applicant is regretted.

The application file is being returned to the examiner for further examination.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Hien H. Phan, Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-1606.


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